

**MINUTES OF THE  
PRISON RELOCATION COMMISSION**

Thursday, May 22, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 415 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Brad R. Wilson, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Director Rollin Cook  
Director Ron Gordon

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Bryant R. Howe, Assistant Director  
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Sara J. Thomas, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Rep. Hutchings was excused from the meeting.

The committee members and staff introduced themselves.

**2. Commission Responsibilities**

Mr. Rees reviewed the essential differences between the Prison Relocation and Development Authority (PRADA) and the commission. He distributed and summarized "Comparison of PRADA to the Prison Relocation Commission." He explained the statutory requirements and authorities of the commission.

Chair Wilson commented that the commission's purpose differs from that of PRADA in that its purpose is not to determine if the prison should be relocated, but rather where, when, and how to relocate the prison.

Sen. Stevenson outlined the commission's objectives and expressed his hope that the Legislature will take the recommendations of the commission and move forward quickly.

**3. Consultant Contract**

Mr. David Walsh, Deputy Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, reviewed the timeline and procedures PRADA followed to retain the services of MGT of America, Inc. (MGT) as a consultant. He distributed and summarized "MGT's Scope of Work" and briefly outlined what MGT had accomplished for PRADA prior to the creation of the commission.

Mr. Rees described the scope of PRADA's contract with MGT. He noted that if the commission chooses to succeed to the position of PRADA in the contract, the scope of work would need to be narrowed, as the commission is not tasked with determining what is to be done with the property where the current prison is located.

Chair Wilson noted that Mr. Brad Sassatelli of MGT was detained and unable to be present at the meeting, but was participating remotely.

Mr. George Camp, Criminal Justice Institute, and Mr. Bob Nardi, Senior Vice President, Louis Berger Group, presented "MGT of America Presentation" in Mr. Sassatelli's absence. They briefly described their

background in corrections and criminal justice. They reviewed the key findings of the work MGT conducted under its contract with PRADA. They explained the phases of site selection for a new correctional facility and responded to questions from the commission.

The commission discussed whether they should continue to work with MGT to facilitate the process of relocating the Draper prison.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved that, as authorized in Utah Code Subsection 63C-15-203(2)(c), the Prison Relocation Commission succeed to the position of the Prison Relocation and Development Authority under its contract with MGT of America, Inc., and that the chairs be authorized to work in conjunction with staff to negotiate with MGT to modify the terms and scope of the contract, as the chairs consider appropriate, to be consistent with the commission's statutory authority and present needs and the present prison relocation efforts that the commission is a part of, on terms that are beneficial to and in the best interests of the commission and the state. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wilson noted that the commission will work with Mr. Sassatelli, Mr. Camp, and Mr. Nardi to determine future work to be conducted by MGT for the commission. He stated that the commission will make MGT's full report available to the public on the Legislature's website.

#### **4. Timeline for Commission Objectives**

Mr. Bean described "Prison Relocation Commission: Timeline of Objectives," which was distributed prior to the meeting. He explained that the tasks outlined for the commission in the document are not intended to be completed in sequence to each other, but rather simultaneously, in order to accomplish the commission's objectives by the 2015 General Session.

Chair Wilson discussed the commission's role relative to the public and interested parties. He explained that Mr. Howe would be the point of contact for individuals and organizations who wish to share information and ideas with the commission.

Sen. Stevenson emphasized the importance of moving forward with the process of relocation. He affirmed the commission's commitment to providing good access to facilities for employees and good outcomes for inmates.

#### **5. Work Group Organization**

Chair Wilson explained the need to create work groups to operate in three main areas of focus in order help the commission achieve its objectives. He stated that these work groups will concern criminal justice system reform and programming, site selection, and a plan of financing.

Mr. Howe distributed and reviewed in detail "Prison Relocation Commission (PRC) Proposed Working Groups, Membership, and Responsibilities - May 22, 2014 Draft." He laid out the proposed membership and responsibilities of each work group and stated that work group meetings will be open to the public. He responded to questions from the commission.

Mr. Cook noted the difference between the terms "corrections system reform" and "criminal justice system reform" and advised the commission that, for its purposes, the latter term is more correct. The commission discussed the nature of the work of the Criminal Justice System Reform and Programming Work Group relative to the current efforts of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice regarding criminal justice reform.

Chair Wilson further explained that the work groups will constitute the majority of the commission's efforts, while the full commission will meet monthly to discuss ongoing progress.

Sen. Stevenson expressed his hope that the work group structure of the commission will facilitate its ability to achieve its objectives in a timely fashion.

## **6. Current Prison System Status and Capacity**

Mr. Cook, Mr. Mike Haddon, and Mr. London Stromberg, Utah Department of Corrections, presented "Department of Corrections Presentation." They discussed the opportunity that relocating the prison presents for making an impact on the criminal justice system. They reviewed the composition and capacity of the state's current prison system, highlighting current unmet needs as well as future needs.

Sen. Mayne commented on the importance of revisiting criminal justice system reform as the Legislature undertakes the responsibility of relocating the prison.

## **7. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Wilson announced that the next three meetings of the full commission will be held June 19, July 17, and August 26.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson was absent for the vote.

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.